GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:236
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
MULTI CAMPUS UNIVERSITIES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage multi- campus Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance proposed to be provided for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 236 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.12.2000 REGARDING MULTI-CAMPUS UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY SHRI A. BRAHMANAIAH.

(a) & (b) : A University can be a single campus or a multi-campus institution depending upon the relevant provisions in the Act of the concerned institution as well as the higher educational needs of the concerned region. UGC has recently allowed Deemed Universities to set up academic centers in any part of the country or abroad. The conditions governing the opening of academic centers by the Deemed Universities are as follows:-

(i) The centers shall be set up with the prior approval of the UGC and that of the State Government where the center(s) is/are proposed to be opened.

(ii) Starting various academic courses shall be subject to the approval of the UGC.

(iii) Admission procedure and fee fixation for students shall be in accordance with the norms/rules prescribed by the UGC.

(iv) The over-all performance of the Centre shall be monitored annually by the UGC whose directions for management, academic development and improvement shall be binding on the Deemed to be University.

(v) If the Centre does not fulfil UGC's directions and recommendations and its performance remains unsatisfactory for three years, the UGC on the basis of the recommendations of the Monitoring Review Committee, can direct the Deemed University to close down the Centre in which event the liabilities of such Centre shall be taken over by the concerned Deemed University.

(vi) It would be permissible for the Deemed University to open academic Centre(s) not only anywhere in India but also in any of the foreign countries. The academic Centre(s) in the foreign countries shall be opened only after the due permission from the Government of India/UGC and also that of the Government of the host country.

(vii) In case of foreign campus/campuses, the remittance of funds shall be governed by the Reserve Bank of India rules.

(c) : No financial assistance is proposed to be provided by UGC for setting up of multi-campus complexes.